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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD, GATT
SUBJECT: TEXTILES: NORDIC DEVELOPMENTS

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH NORDIC TSB REP PATEK (SWEDEN)
JULY 21, PATEK TOLD U.S. REP THAT SWEDEN WAS NOW STUDYING
WAYS AND MEANS AVOID INCLUSION OF TEXTILES OF NON-
COVERED FIBERS IN CERTAIN SWEDISH BILATERALS WHICH PATEK
EXPECTS TO BE NOTIFIED TSB PRIOR TO SEPT. 18 SESSION.

2. PATEK SAID INCLUSION TEXTILES OF NON-COVERED FIBERS
WAS OCCASIONED BY SWEDISH DESIRE AVOID WHAT SWEDES
CONSIDERED BE BONA FIDE THREAT BY KOREANS AND OTHERS
TO EVADE SWEDISH RESTRICTIONS. PATEK CITED AS EXAMPLE
AND LEFT WITH U.S. REP COPY OF ITEM APPEARING IN "KOREAN
TRADE NEWS" ON JAN. 28, 1978. SAID SWEDISH INFORMATION
WAS THAT OPERATION DESCRIBED IN CITED ARTICLE WAS "FOR
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REAL."

3. TITLE KTN ARTICLE, TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS, WAS
"SWEATER EXPORTERS MOVING DEVELOP NEW PRODUCTS."

"IN ATTEMPT GUARD AGAINST IMPORT RESTRICTIONS BY
GROWING NUMBERS OF INDUSTRIAL NATIONS, KOREAN SWEATER

MAKERS, INCLUDING THE FULL-BRIGHT IND. CO., ARE MOVING FAST TO DEVELOP NEW PRODUCTS THAT WILL STAY CLEAR OF ANY TRADE BARRIERS, BUSINESS SOURCES SAID YESTERDAY.

"AS MEANS TO TIDE OVER MOUNTING PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT IN MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS, KOREAN SWEATER INDUSTRY IS OUT TO DEVELOP SUCH PRODUCTS AS ACRYLIC-RAMIE AND ACRYLIC-SILK BLENDED SWEATERS, WHILE SEEKING EXPLORE AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN MARKETS IN DEPTH.

"ACCORDING TO SOURCES, TOTAL EXPORT L/CS RECEIVED ALL ALONG THIS YEAR REMAINED AT 95 PERCENT OF 1977 LEVEL, THUS BODING ILL FOR EXPORTS THIS YEAR.

"IN CONTRAST, TOTAL EXPORTS OF SUCH QUOTA-FREE ITEMS REPORTED FOR ALL 1977 WERE VALUED AT \$16,530,000."

4. U.S. TEXTILE DEL MAY WISH MAKE INQUIRY REGARDING REPORTED DEVELOPMENT WHILE IN SEOUL.

5. NORWAY HAS NOTIFIED GATT OF ARTICLE XIX ACTION (GATT DOCUMENT L/4692 JULY 24, 1978) ON NINE TEXTILE CATEGORIES. CATEGORIES RESTRICTED ON GLOBAL BASIS ARE: KNITTED SHIRTS, BLOUSES AND T-SHIRTS; KNITTED UNDERGARMENTS; KNITTED JACKETS, JUMPERS, SWEATERS, CARDIGANS AND PULLOVERS; JACKETS OF WOVEN MATERIAL; OUTERGARMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF WOVEN MATERIAL FOR INFANTS; SHIRTS OF WOVEN MATERIAL; BLOUSES OF WOVEN MATERIAL; TROUSERS OF WOVEN MATERIAL; AND BED LINEN. NOTIFICATION STATES THAT "DETAILED MODALITIES OF IMPLEMENTATION THESE MEASURES ARE STILL BEING CONSIDERED, AND OTHER ITEMS MAY BE INCLUDED." QUOTA LEVELS NOT YET BEING DETERMINED WERE NOT NOTIFIED. VANDEN HEUVEL

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